JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, October 30, 2013.

Met at eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Distinguished Guests of the House.

During the Session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess and introduced the Honorable Katoo Ole Metito; the Honorable Gideon Mung'aro; the Honorable T. J. Kajwang; and the Honorable Mithika Linturi, members of the National Assembly of Kenya; and Mr. Rana Timpati, Secretary to the Delegation. They were accompanied by Mr. Donald J. Schneider, Consultant; and Ms. Heather Senecal, Associate, from the Center for International Development SUNY/CID, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy of the University at Albany, State University of New York. They were the guests of the Speaker, Ms. Fox of Boston, Mr. Devers of Lawrence, the members of the Black and Latino Caucus and many other members of the House.

National Assembly of Kenya.

Statement Concerning Representative Gobi of Spencer.

A statement of Mrs. Haddad of Somerset concerning Ms. Gobi of Spencer was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that one of our colleagues, Representative Gobi of Spencer, is unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due her attendance at a conference on official legislative business. Her missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement concerning Ms. Gobi of Spencer.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Barrows of Mansfield) on the occasion of a visit from Principal Wang Zhizhong of Handan City, China, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Wang Zhizhong.

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Barrows, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petition.

A petition of Tricia Farley-Bouvier, Benjamin B. Downing and William Smitty Pignatelli (having been transmitted by the Clerk to the Secretary of the Commonwealth on October 10, 2013 for a determination of it being subject to Joint Rule 9) relative to taxation of real property owned by the Central Berkshire County Development Corporation,

Central Berkshire County Development Corporation. Central Berkshire County Development Corporation. having been returned from the Secretary with memorandum relative thereto, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rules 12 and 9 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rules 12 and 9 were suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Revenue. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

Mobile broadband, coverage. A petition (accompanied by bill) of Jennifer L. Flanagan for legislation relative to upgrading mobile broadband coverage in the Commonwealth, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1908) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Bills enacted. Relative to the charter of the town of Harwich (see House, No. 3577); and

Extending the sewer betterment repayments in the town of Easton (see House, No. 3582);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and it were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Recess.

Recess.

At fourteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and at nine minutes after one o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Engrossed Bill — Land Taking.

Nantucket,—land.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Nantucket to convey certain land to the Nantucket Islands Land Bank (see House, No. 3314, changed) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was put upon its final passage.

Bill enacted (land taking), yea and nay No. 237. On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays (this being a bill providing for the taking of land or other easements used for conservation purposes, etc., as defined by Article XCVII of the Amendments to the Constitution); and on the roll call 154 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 237 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted, and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Recess.

At twenty-eight minutes after one o'clock P.M., the Chair (Mr. Donato Recess. of Medford) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and at seventeen minutes before two o'clock, the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Resolutions

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Speaker DeLeo of Winthrop Kenyan and other members of the House) welcoming and honoring the delegation from Kenya on their visit to the Commonwealth, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

delegation.

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Fox of Boston, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Rules, reported (under the provisions of House Rules 7B and 7C) an Order relative to special procedures for consideration of the House text (see House document numbered 3737) of the Senate Bill encouraging low-income savings and economic opportunity (Senate, No. 1806) (for order, see House, No. 3728).

Economic independence,procedures.

After debate on the question on adoption of the order, Messrs. Jones of North Reading and Peterson of Grafton moved to amend it in line 5 by striking out the following: "five o'clock P.M. on Monday, November 4, 2013" and inserting in place thereof the following: "three o'clock P.M. on Tuesday, November 5, 2013".

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the Amendment sense of the House was taken by year and nays at the request of rejected, Mr. Jones; and on the roll call 29 members voted in the affirmative yea and nay No. 238. and 127 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 238 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Jones of North Reading then moved to amend the order in line 14

by inserting the following paragraph:

"Ordered, That, any amendment which seeks to amend any Chapter of the General Laws which is amended, referenced, or affected by House, No. 3737 shall be considered to be within the subject matter of House, No. 3737, and therefore must be admitted for consideration.".

After remarks on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of Mr. Peterson of Grafton; and on the roll call 30 members voted in the affirmative and 123 in the negative.

Amendment rejected, yea and nay No. 239.

[See Yea and Nay No. 239 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

On the question on adoption of the order, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 127 members voted in the affirmative and 29 in the negative.

Order adopted.yea and nay No. 240.

[See Yea and Nay No. 240 in Supplement.]

Therefore the order (House, No. 3737) was adopted.

Parental leave. By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to parental leave (Senate, No. 865, amended) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Tobacco,—

By Mr. Sánchez of Boston, for the committee on Public Health, on House, No. 3639, a Bill modernizing tobacco control and protecting the health of minors (House, No. 3726). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Motion to Discharge a Certain Matter in the Orders of the Day.

Veterans' benefits. The Senate Bill relative to veterans' allowances, labor, outreach and recognition (Senate, No. 1885, amended) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was discharged from its position on the Orders of the Day and read a third time, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Mr. Basile of Boston.

Mr. Moran of Boston being in the Chair,—

After debate on the question on passing the bill to engrossed Mr. Donato of Medford moved to amend it by striking out section 20 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

"SECTION 20. Section 2E of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following subsections:—

(d) The registrar shall furnish, upon application, to the owner of a private passenger motor vehicle, a distinctive registration plate that shall display on its face the words 'Supporting our Veterans' to honor men and women who have served in the armed forces of the United States and the armed forces of the commonwealth. There shall be a fee of not less than \$50 for the plates in addition to the established registration fee for a private passenger motor vehicle, which shall be payable at the time of registration of the vehicle and at each renewal thereof.

The portion of the total remaining fee, after the deduction of costs directly attributable to the issuance of the plates, shall be deposited in a registry retained revenue account of which \$10 from each registration shall be apportioned to the Disabled and Limbless Veterans, Inc to exercise apportionment to the following registered charities: Operation Troop Support with federal Employer Identification Number 20-8645838; Vietnam Veterans Workshop, Inc., doing business as New England Center for Homeless Veterans, with federal Employer Identification Number 04-3007211; and Fisher House of Boston, Inc. in West Roxbury with federal Employer Identification Number 26-0190895. Of the remaining portion of the fee, there shall be an application process designed and administered by the secretary of the department of veterans' services to distribute the funds once during each fiscal year for the purpose of administering grants to programs or organizations that fund additional services or conduct research relative to, including, but not

limited to, the following: (i) veterans' mental health and substance abuse; (ii) veterans' housing and homelessness; (iii) veterans' health care; (iv) veterans' disability benefits; (v) long-term care of veterans; (vi) veteran employment and employment training; (vii) veterans' education; and (viii) Gold Star family support. Funds expended from this account shall be authorized by a 3-member funding authorization committee. The committee shall consist of the secretary of the department of veterans' services, who shall serve as the chairperson of the committee, and 2 members appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be a member of the Governor's Advisory Council on Veterans' Services and 1 of whom shall be a veteran representative of the public with no financial interest in funding programs and services. No member of the legislature shall serve on the committee. Any entity awarded funds pursuant to this section, in any fiscal year, shall not be eligible for funding for the next 2 subsequent fiscal years, provided however, that an entity awarded funding pursuant to this section shall be eligible for funding in subsequent fiscal years if no other program or organization submits a qualifying application.

(e) The registrar shall furnish, without charge, a 'Supporting our Veterans' distinctive registration plate to any veteran who has been determined to have a service-connected disability rating of 100 per cent or greater by reason of service in the armed forces of the United

States."; and by adding the following section:

"SECTION 32. The registrar of motor vehicles shall furnish, for a fee of \$40 including any renewal fee, a 'Supporting our Veterans' distinctive registration plate to those owners of private passenger vehicles who, prior to the effective date of this act, initiated the process of payment for a 'Supporting our Veterans' license plate by sending payment to an organization proposing such a plate, and who has posted a bond to secure the issuance of such a plate, pursuant to section 2F of chapter 90 of the General Laws. The registrar shall furnish to those owners pursuant to this section any plate numbers requested by the owners prior to the effective date of this act."

The amendments were adopted.

Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair,—

Mr. Cutler of Duxbury then moved to amend the bill by inserting after section 9 the following section:

"SECTION 9A. Said section 5 of said chapter 59 is hereby amended by inserting after clause Twenty-second F the following clause:—

Twenty-second G. Real estate of soldiers and sailors and their spouses who are legal residents of the commonwealth who are veterans as defined in clause forty-three of section seven of chapter four, a disabled veteran may transfer or convey his residence or domicile, to which the disabled veteran has assigned the benefit of the tax abatement listed under said chapter 58 or this chapter to a trust or conservatorship or other legal instrument passing ownership to his spouse, such disabled veteran or his spouse shall be entitled to lawfully retain that formerly granted tax abatement to the residence or domicile until the death of the disabled veteran or his surviving spouse, providing that the aforementioned remain residing in said residence or domicile until their death. This clause shall take effect upon its acceptance by any city or town."

The amendment was adopted.

Veterans' benefits. Representative Jones of North Reading and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by adding the following two sections:

"SECTION 33. Section 1 of chapter 60A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby further amended by inserting, in line 101, after the words 'permanently disabled', the following words:—

; nor to a motor vehicle owned and registered by a veteran, as defined in section 7 of chapter 4, who qualifies for and is therefore entitled to display thereon the distinctive number plates authorized by section 2 of said chapter 90.

SECTION 34. Section 6 of chapter 64H of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 318-319 in subsection (u), the words 'and has been issued a disabled veteran number plate under section 2 of said chapter 90', and inserting in place thereof the following words:—

and who qualifies for and is therefore entitled to display thereon the distinctive number plates authorized by section 2 of said chapter 90.".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Diehl of Whitman and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

"SECTION 35: notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the executive office of housing and economic development shall require all recipients or any person seeking housing or assistance in any form, including vouchers, to provide a valid social security number and the housing agency is required to verify the number."

Ms. Reinstein of Revere thereupon raised a point of order that the amendment offered by the gentleman from Whitman, was improperly before the House for the reason that it went beyond the scope of the pending bill.

In answer to the point of order, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) ruled that an examination of the amendment showed that it was in fact beyond the scope of the pending bill; and the amendment was laid aside accordingly.

Mr. Diehl thereupon appealed from the decision of the Chair; and the appeal was seconded by Mr. Lombardo of Billerica.

The question was then put "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?".

On the appeal from the decision of the Chair, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Diehl of Whitman; and on the roll call 126 members voted in the affirmative and 29 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 241 in Supplement.]

Therefore the decision of the Chair was sustained.

Mr. Bradley of Hingham then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

"SECTION 35. Section 3 of Chapter 115 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the words ', annually in April,' and inserting after the word 'agent' in line 2, the following words:— who shall serve for a term of up to three years and be eligible for reappointment.".

The amendment was adopted.

Point of order.

Decision of Chair sustained, yea and nay No. 241.

Mr. Naughton of Clinton then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

"SECTION 36. Chapter 33 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 13 and inserting in place the following section:—

Section 13. Uniformed services employment and reemployment rights act.

All members of the armed forces of the commonwealth, to include a state guard or similar organization composed as permitted by law, or the armed forces of another state or territory who are employed within the commonwealth and ordered to active duty under this chapter, appropriate authority of another state or territory, or 32 U.S.C. shall be entitled to all rights, protections, privileges, remedies and immunities afforded under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, codified at 38 U.S.C. 4301 et seq., as from time to time amended.

(a) As used in this section, the following words shall, in addition to the definitions provided for in 38 U.S.C. 4303 and unless context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:—

'Benefit of employment' shall include a workplace free of conduct that has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance by creating an intimidating, hostile, humiliating or offensive work environment.

Service in the uniformed services' shall also mean voluntary or involuntary service in the armed forces of the commonwealth as defined in section ten of this chapter, to include a state guard or similar organization composed as permitted by law, or in the armed forces of another state or territory.

'Uniformed services' shall also mean the armed forces of the commonwealth, to include a state guard or similar organization composed as permitted by law, when engaged in duty under this chapter or 32 U.S.C. or the armed forces of another state or territory when ordered to active duty under appropriate authority.

(b) For the purposes of this section, the adjutant general of the commonwealth shall perform all duties assigned to the secretaries of defense and labor of the United States under 38 U.S.C. 4301 et seg., with assistance from the secretary of labor and workforce development of the commonwealth when so requested by the adjutant general.

(c) For purposes of this section, the attorney general of the commonwealth shall perform all duties assigned to the attorney general of the United States under 38 U.S.C. 4301 et seq.

(d) For the purposes of this section, the secretary of veterans' services of the commonwealth shall perform the duties assigned to the secretary of veterans affairs of the United States pursuant to 38 U.S.C. §4333.

(e) In the case of an action under this section, the action may proceed in the district or superior courts of the commonwealth. Courts shall order a speedy hearing in any such case and shall advance it on the calendar. In the hearing and determination of applications under this section, courts shall have authority to provide all remedies, assert all equity powers, and award all reasonable attorneys. fees and costs available to courts under 38 U.S.C. 4301 et seq.

Veterans' benefits. (f) Any service performed pursuant to this chapter or similar authority of another state or territory when in support of a critical homeland security or emergency management operation as determined by the adjutant general shall not be included in the calculation of a person's cumulative period of absence from a position of employment.".

The amendment was adopted.

The same member then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

"SECTION 37. Chapter 33 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:—

Section 13A. Servicemembers civil relief act.

- (a) All members of the armed forces of the commonwealth, to include a state guard or similar organization composed as permitted by law, including those who reside within the commonwealth pursuant to military service, and all members of the armed forces of another state or territory who reside within the commonwealth, ordered to active duty under this chapter, appropriate authority of another state or territory or 32 U.S.C. shall be entitled to all rights, protections, privileges, remedies and immunities afforded under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, codified at 50 U.S.C. App. Section 501 et seq., as from time to time amended, except for the provisions of Sections 536 and 541 to 549, inclusive, pertaining to life insurance.
- (b) As used in this section, the following terms shall, in addition to the definitions provided for in 50 U.S.C. App. Section 511 and unless context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:—

'Military service' shall mean duty performed under this chapter,

appropriate authority of another state or territory, or 32 U.S.C.

'Servicemember' shall mean a member of the armed forces of the commonwealth as defined in section ten, to include a state guard or similar organization composed as permitted by law, or the armed forces of another state or territory.

(c) For the purposes of this section, the adjutant general of the commonwealth shall perform all duties assigned to the 'secretary concerned' under 50 U.S.C. App. Section 501 et seq., as from time to time amended.".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Naughton then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

"SECTION 38. Chapter 15A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 43 the following section:—

Section 44. (a) All members of the armed forces of the common-wealth ordered to active duty pursuant to chapter 33, 10 U.S.C., or 32 U.S.C. and who attend an educational institution within the common-wealth shall be entitled to all rights, protections, privileges, and immunities afforded under the federal regulation providing readmission requirements for servicemembers, codified at 34 C.F.R. Section 668.18, as from time to time amended. All members of the armed forces of another state or territory ordered to active duty pursuant to appropriate state authority, 10 U.S.C., or 32 U.S.C. and who attend an educational institution within the commonwealth shall also be entitled to all rights, protections, privileges, and immunities afforded under 34 C.F.R. Section 668.18, as from time to time amended.

(b) As used in this chapter, the following words shall, unless context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:—

'Armed forces' shall, in addition to the definition provided for in 34 C.F.R. Section 668.18, also mean the armed forces of the commonwealth as defined in section 10 of chapter 33, to include a state guard or similar organization composed as permitted by law, and the armed forces of another state or territory.

'Service in the uniformed services' shall, in addition to the definition provided for in 34 C.F.R. Section 668.18, also mean either voluntary or involuntary service in the armed forces of the commonwealth, to include a state guard or similar organization composed as permitted by law, when engaged in duty under chapter 33 or 32 U.S.C., or in the armed forces of another state or territory ordered to perform service under appropriate state or federal authority, without regard for the number of consecutive days of duty.

- (c) Any service performed pursuant to chapter 33, similar authority of another state or territory, 10 U.S.C., or 32 U.S.C. when in support of a critical homeland security or emergency management operation as determined by the adjutant general shall not be included in the calculation of a student's cumulative length of absence from an educational institution.
- (d) No student shall incur any academic or financial penalty by virtue of performing service in the uniformed services. A student who enrolls in but is unable to complete an academic course in order to perform service in the uniformed services shall have the option to complete the course at a later date without penalty or withdraw from the course with a full refund of fees and tuition paid. If the academic course is no longer available upon the student's return from service in the uniformed services, the student shall be permitted to complete a replacement course for equivalent credit without penalty. If the student chooses to withdraw from the course, the student's record shall reflect that the withdrawal is due to active military service.
- (e) This chapter shall apply to all postsecondary institutions in the commonwealth including: (i) the system of public institutions of higher education, as defined in section 5 of chapter 15A; (ii) private occupation schools, as defined in section 263 of chapter 112; and (iii) private colleges, universities or other institutions of higher learning."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Naughton of Clinton then moved to amend the bill by striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

"SECTION 1. (i3/4) SDO shall, every three years and in consultation with the department of veterans' services, establish goals for participation of service-disabled, veteran-owned business enterprises in all areas of state procurement contracting, including contracts for public construction, design services, and commodities and service. In calculating such goals, the Secretary shall base his determination on an understanding of the pool of service-disabled veteran-owned business enterprises available to participate in the Program."

The amendment was adopted.

The same member then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

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"SECTION 39. In Chapter 10, Section 35CC of the MGL strike the word 'including' in paragraph 1 and insert in place thereof the following:— and.".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

"SECTION 4A. Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended

by inserting after section 2GGGG the following section:

Section 2HHHH. There shall be established and set upon the books of the commonwealth a separate fund to be known as the Support our Veterans Fund. There shall be credited to said fund revenues received from the sale of 'Support our Veterans' distinctive registration plates issued pursuant to subsection (d) of section 2E of chapter 90. Amounts credited to said fund shall be available for expenditure by the secretary of the department of veterans' services who shall distribute the funds once during each fiscal year for the purpose of administering grants to programs or organizations that fund additional services or conduct research relative to, including, but not limited to, the following: (i) veterans' mental health and substance abuse; (ii) veterans' housing and homelessness; (iii) veterans' health care; (iv) veterans' disability benefits; (v) long-term care of veterans; (vi) veteran employment and employment training; (vii) veterans' education; and (viii) Gold Star family support.

In order to expend funds from said fund, the secretary of the department of veterans' services shall appoint a 3-member funding authorization committee. The committee shall authorize the expenditure of funds through an application process developed and administered by the committee. The secretary shall be a member and act as the chairperson of the committee. One member of the committee shall be a member of the Governor's Advisory Council on Veterans' Services, who shall be appointed by the governor. One member of the committee shall be a veteran representative of the public with no financial interest in funding programs and services, who shall be appointed by the governor. No member of the legislature shall serve on the committee. An entity awarded funds pursuant to this section, in any fiscal year, shall not be eligible for funding for the next 2 subsequent fiscal years." and by striking out section 20 (inserted by amendment) and inserting in

place thereof the following section:

"SECTION 20. Section 2E of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is

hereby amended by adding the following subsection:—

(d) The registrar shall furnish, upon application, to the owner of a private passenger motor vehicle, a distinctive registration plate that shall display on its face the words 'Support our Veterans' to honor men and women who have served in the armed forces of the United States and the armed forces of the commonwealth. There shall be a fee of not less than \$50 for the plates in addition to the established registration fee for a private passenger motor vehicle, which shall be payable at the time of registration of the vehicle and at each renewal thereof. The portion of the total remaining fee, after the deduction of costs directly attributable to the issuance of the plates, shall be deposited in the Support our Veterans Fund established pursuant to section 2HHHH of chapter 29.";

In section 26, in line 232, by inserting after the word "member" (the first time it appears) the words: "appointed by the minority leader of the senate", in line 238, by inserting after the word "member" (the first time it appears), the words: "appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives", in lines 249 to 258, inclusive, by striking out the following: ", 2 of whom shall be veterans of Operation New Dawn, Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom, and 1 from a list of nominees submitted by each of the following organizations: Massachusetts Coalition for Suicide Prevention, Massachusetts Psychological Association Inc., Massachusetts Psychiatric Society, Inc., Massachusetts Association of Mental Health, Inc., Association for Behavioral Healthcare, Inc., Massachusetts Veterans' Service Officers Association, Massachusetts Women Veterans' Network, The Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital Home Base Program, the Massachusetts Military Heroes Fund, Inc., the United States Veterans Administration, the Massachusetts Hospital Association, Inc, the Military Friends Foundation and the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, Inc." and inserting in place thereof the following: "from a list of nominees submitted by each of the following organizations: Massachusetts Coalition for Suicide Prevention, Massachusetts Psychological Association Inc., Massachusetts Psychiatric Society, Inc., Massachusetts Association of Mental Health, Inc., Association for Behavioral Healthcare, Inc., Massachusetts Veterans' Service Officers Association, Massachusetts Women Veterans' Network, The Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital Home Base Program, the Massachusetts Military Heroes Fund, Inc., the United States Veterans Administration, the Massachusetts Hospital Association, Inc., the Military Friends Foundation and the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, Inc.; provided that 2 of such members shall be veterans of Operation New Dawn, Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom". The amendments were adopted.

Mr. Vieira of Falmouth then moved to amend the bill by adding the

following section:

"SECTION 40. The Secretary of Veterans Services shall study the financial impacts of, and propose legislation to add '100 per cent compensation by Veterans Administration' to the annuity criteria set forth in Section 6B of chapter 115 of the general laws."

The amendment was adopted.

On the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, the sense of the House taken by yea and nays, at the request of Mr. Basile of Boston; and on the roll call 155 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 242 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (Senate, No. 1885, amended) was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment [for text of House amendment, see House document numbered 3735].

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, for the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in

Bill passed to be engrossed, yea and nay No. 242.

Housing, bond. Housing, bond. place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 1845) of the House Bill relative to financing the production and preservation of housing for low and moderate income residents (House, No. 3492, amended), reported recommending that the House recede from its non-concurrence with the Senate in its amendment and concur therein with a further amendment by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 3727; and that the Senate concur with the further amendment. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and

Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of the same member, the

report was considered forthwith.

After debate on the question on acceptance of the report, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 151 members voted in the affirmative and 2 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 243 in Supplement.]

Therefore the report of the committee of conference was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Petersham to borrow outside the debt limit for a certain town project (Senate, No. 1844); and

House bills

Relative to the issuance of public health warnings (House, No. 1932); Relative to public health data sharing with the Boston Public Health Commission (House, No. 2070);

Designating the last day of February as rare disease day in the Commonwealth (House, No. 2774);

Establishing school bus driver day (House, No. 2880);

To designate Shaken Baby Syndrome awareness week (House, No. 2881);

Designating PANDAS/PANS awareness day (House, No. 2882);

Relative to adult foster care (House, No. 3426); and

Authorizing the town of Ashland to establish an enterprise fund (House, No. 3627);

Severally were read a second time; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Second reading bill amended. The House Bill relative to emergency scheduling of addictive substances by the Commissioner of Public Health (House, No. 3547), was read a second time.

The amendment previously recommended by the committee on Health Care Financing,—that the bill be amended by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 3711),—was adopted.

The substituted bill then was ordered to a third reading.

Conference committee report accepted, yea and nay No. 243.

Second

reading

bills.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,— *Ordered*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth then moved that the House adjourn; and the motion prevailed. Accordingly, without further consideration of the remaining matter in the Orders of the Day, at twenty minutes before five o'clock P.M. (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.